

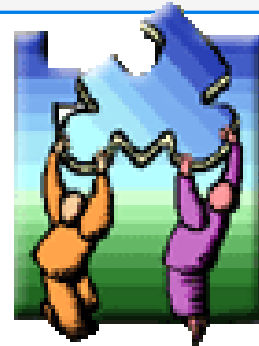


*Prevention Resource Center
AmeriCorps VISTA Project*



Summer Associate Applicant Introduction

The Prevention Resource Center



- The PRC is guided by the Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
 - Currently the ICC has 5 goals and benchmarks
 - Reduce child abuse and neglect by promoting child safety and healthy family functioning.
 - Reduce youth use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs by promoting alternate activities and healthy lifestyles.
 - Reduce youth violence and crime by promoting the safety of all citizens.
 - Reduce school dropout by increasing the percentage of high school students who successfully transition from school to work, postsecondary education, training and/or military.
 - Reduce teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases by promoting the concept that sexual activity, pregnancy and child rearing are serious responsibilities.

Our Mission

- The PRC VISTA Project assists Montana communities in creating and sustaining conditions that reduce risk, as well as promote the safety, personal responsibility, and well-being of our youth. Twenty to thirty VISTAs are placed throughout Montana each year.
- The mission of the PRC and ICC is to create and sustain a coordinated, comprehensive system of prevention services in the state of Montana.



Montana Prevention
Resource Center

Focus Areas

- **Healthy Futures**

- Summer Food Service Program

- **Education**

- Summer Learning Loss



VISTA

Volunteers In Service To America

- VISTA Summer Associate Program is a 10-week full-time commitment.
- VISTA Summer Associates cannot have another job during their term of service.
- VISTA is a national service program designed to fight poverty.
- VISTA Summer Associates fight poverty by working on a combination of **direct & indirect** service projects.
- VISTA Summer Associates work to create capacity in a nonprofit or government agency.

What you should know



Benefits

- Living allowance of \$973 (before taxes)
- Choice of Segal Education Award (\$1,212.44) **OR** Cash Stipend (\$287.70)

Fight Poverty
with PASSION

Criminal History Checks

- The Criminal History Checks are conducted to support the safety of our service participants, sponsors and local communities.
- All Summer Associate VISTA candidates must undergo a database search on the Department of Justice's National Sex Offender Registry.

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VISTA Host Site



VISTA
Summer
Associate

VISTA Organization Chart

A **VISTA Summer Associate** is considered a federal resource from the **Corporation for National & Community Service** who is serving under the **Prevention Resource Center** at the _____ **VISTA host site** to alleviate poverty.

PRC Accomplishments

○ A Healthy Futures site:

○ Kalispell Summer Food Service Program

- \$4000 in-kind donations
- 10 volunteers recruited
 - 350 hours
- 350 new clients served

○ An Education site:

○ YWCA Missoula GUTS! Program

- \$2,000 in-kind donations
- 4 youth volunteers
 - 706 hours
- 41 girls benefited



MT Facts

- Montana is the fourth largest State in the Nation with a land area of more than 145,552 square miles.
- The population of Montana topped 1 million in 2012.
- In 2010, the largest city in Montana (Billings) had about 104,170 people.
- There are 56 counties in MT and 45 are considered frontier counties (less than 7 persons per square mile).
- The state has the largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi, Flathead Lake.
- The coldest temperature ever recorded in Montana was 70 degrees below zero at Roger's Pass north of Helena on January 20, 1954. This is a national record for the lower 48 states.
- There are 2.5 times as many cows as people in MT.

